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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

"Congratulations" to the staff and students of Matanuska-Susitna Community College. We have reached a milestone within this historic community. The population continues to grow in number, thus providing an exceedingly rapid increase in the number of students attending MSCC. We shall continue to be a responsive, personable, institution of higher learning. Our greatest desire is to meet the educational needs of the student and each staff member is dedicated to that task. In this period of expansion, we have envisioned and published this newsletter so that you may be more aware of this college's committment to the students, staff and the community.

The Mat-Su Monitor will be published monthly at MSCC for its people. Faculty and students are encouraged to submit items of significant interest to the editor for publication. All items to be printed in the newsletter should be subjected by the 20th of each month. In working together for the common good of each person, each of us must search for reasons to succeed rather than look for an excuse for failure.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

All students currently enrolled at MSCC who receive VA educational benefits should stop by the counseling office and check your degree program. The State of Alaska, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, Project Director for VA Programs will be visiting MSCC in the near future to review the records of VA benefits recipients. The Veteran's Administration is very much concerned with the standards of progress of all students receiving VA educational benefits. Make it a point to stop by and talk to Woody about your program prior to November 25th. You will not only benefit from this, but your school's professional image will be enhanced.

FINANCIAL AID

Persons requiring financial aid for the school year 1979-1980 (Sept '79 - Aug. 80) should start thinking about your needs and requirements now. There are many types of financial aid available to students; Federal Grants and loans; State grants, loans and scholarships; Financial Aid Forms (FAF) will be available at MSCC by 1 Feb 79. These forms should be completed and returned to Berkley, California, by 1 April 79. Most people who need financial aid wait too late to

apply. More than 60% of the applications for financial aid submitted during the 1978-1979 school year were returned to the applicants because they were not complete. Save time and frustration - insure your future - Get your paperwork right the first time.

GRADUATES

Congratulations!! If you will complete your degree requirements in the Spring you should be thinking ahead to graduation. Those students who will graduate in the Spring should stop by the Counseling Office and complete your application for Degree. In addition, every student must complete the University of Alaska application for admission and remit a non-refundable check in the amount of ten dollars before the degree may be bestowed upon you. If the application for admission and the ten dollars have not been forwarded to the school prior to completion of the application for Degree, all of this must be accomplished by February 20 for those students graduating in the Spring.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Just a reminder, classes end Dec. 22 and the library will be closed over the semester break, please try to turn in any books you have checked out by that date. If you're not taking a course here during Spring Semester, you don't want to drive up the long icy road just to return your library books! Does anyone have the book - Games Mother Never Taught You, Corporate Gamesmanship for Women? I was placed on the "New Books" shelf about 2 weeks ago. Someone would like to read the book, but we don't know who has it. It was not checked out and it is not in the library. If you have it, please notify Jan or Leza so they can put it on reserve for the next patron. Thanks. Need zip codes for your Christmas cards? The library has the National Zip Code directory.

THE VALUE OF A DEGREE

A recent economic study completed in September of 1977, established the value of education at the following rates:

(1) Any person that does not complete high school can expect to have a life time earning capacity of $360,000.00 to $400,000.00.

(2) The high school graduate can expect to enjoy a life time earnings of $420,000.00 to $450,000.00.

(3) A person completing a four year college degree (BA or BS) can expect to earn within a life time $730,000.00 to $780,000.00.

(4) Anyone attaining a Master's Degree, only 5 years of education above the high school level, can expect to have a life time earnings of $840,000.00 +++.

(5) Using the figures above, a high school graduate earning an average of $435,000.00 and a four year college graduate earning approximately $755,000.00, one-half of the difference in the two may be identified as the value of the Associate Degree. Thus the difference of $320,000.00 divided by 2 = $160,000.00 + $435,000.00 = $595,000.00 expected life time earning power of the 2 year graduate. Taking this into consideration, your Associate Degree is actually worth $80,000.00 to you for each year you attend.

THE VALUE OF A DEGREE
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Remember - the 2 year degree can be a stepping stone to a 4 year degree or a 5 year degree or even a PH.D.

An education is not expensive; It is priceless.

SECURITY MAKES CENTS

During the month of October, thieves broke into automobiles and pickup trucks three times. These vehicles were in the parking lots at the school. Windows were broken out of private autos and many costly items were stolen; C.B. Radios, tape decks and tapes, tires, wheels, tools, coats, cameras,flash-lights, ??? Most of this equipment and the personal belongings have not been recovered. You can discourage these thieves if you will take a few simple precautions: 1) Lock your vehicle. 2) Do not leave valuable items in your vehicle. 3) Be alert to any suspicious activity near your vehicle or in the parking area. 4) Notify the authorities if you suspect a breaking and entering incident. If everyone would take these precautions, it would help deter the thieves from ripping-off other MSCC students.

TRANSCRIPT SERVICE

The University of Alaska provides transcripts, official and unofficial, at no cost to the student. If you have attended any of the institutions that are governed by the University of Alaska System, then you are eligible for this free transcript service. If you have not requested a transcript within the past 2 semesters, it may be to your advantage to do so now. The transcript is a record of courses taken, credits earned and the student grade point average (GPA). Transcripts are necessary for determining requirements for degree completion, admission to other institutions and a personal record of academic accomplishments. Applications for requesting transcripts are available at the front desk.

THE WISE PERSON

WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW, WHO?

ANSWER THESE AND THE WISEST PERSON WILL BE YOU.

"There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart - never to believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; never to tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it".

- - Henry Van Dyke

Better a shabby coat over a warm heart
Than a high priced suit over a heart of stone.

PRIVACY ACT 1974

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 authorizes each student and the parents of each student the opportunity to inspect student records. The right to inspect student records may not be in the form of a demand by either party but can be established as a cooperative effort on the part of the institution and those concerned. If priority work schedules prohibit this cooperative effort immediately upon request by the student or parents, the institution's representative should make the requestor aware of those priorities and establish a time period for the inspection that would be acceptable to all parties.

"THE CREATION OF A THOUSAND FORESTS IS IN ONE ACORN".

- - RALPH WALDO EMERSON

One day while lecturing to his Shakespeare class, Harvard's famed George Lyman Kittredge accidentally stepped off the platform and fell to the floor. Scrambling to his feet, he observed: "In forty years of teaching, this is the first time I have ever descended to the level of my audience."

THE CHAIRPERSON

The chairman of the dinner, who tipped the scales of 220, mopped his brow and sank into his chair. The guest of honor jumped to his feet. "Gentlemen", he cried, "they tell a lovely fable in my state that when a baby is born, its guardian angel bestows upon it a kiss". If the kiss is on the brow, the child is destined to be an intellectual; on the eyes, it will be a great beauty; if it is on the fingers, a great artist. Now I am not in a position to tell you where the angel kissed our presiding officer, but you'll have to admit he makes a wonderful chairman.

"The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterward".

- - Anatole France

THE LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE MAKES PEOPLE AND RIVERS CROOKED.